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SOUTH AGAINST IT

Try to Rally Enough Votes to Defeat Tariff Plan.

Sugar Forces Do Not Want Duty Reduced.

UNDERWOOD'S NOVEL ACTION

Turning Over of Bill for Examination Unprecedented.

He Believes All Should Be Compromise Legislation.

Washington, April 5.—The Democratic majority of the ways and means committee voted unanimously today to agree to President Wilson's final decision as to the sugar schedule and adjourned until Monday. The majority will agree either to free sugar or a low duty to be eliminated entirely in three years.

Washington, April 5.—The new tariff bill underwent a careful examination today at the hands of members of the senate finance committee. While the anti-free sugar forces from Louisiana and other cane and beet sugar states were making an effort to rally enough strength to defeat President Wilson's compromise plan, the senate leaders were analyzing all contested parts of the bill so, they can tell President Wilson tomorrow whether they can accept it without change.

The report of the ways and means majority which will be submitted to the house to accompany the bill will claim an average reduction of 50 per cent on the entire bill as compared with the present law. This it will be stated, is lower than the average reduction made in any tariff bill since including the Walker bill in the fifties.

The action of Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee in turning the bill over to the senate for examination is almost unprecedented in tariff history, it is claimed. Senate leaders insist that should be consulted in the preparation of the tariff revision and President Wilson has made efforts to bring the senate, house and White House into accord on the tariff revision. While the house tariff makers have exercised their constitutional right to prepare the tariff revision bill, it will be satisfactory to the president and senate, it is believed, before being introduced. Indications today were that President Wilson's compromise plan on the sugar tariff probably would be accepted finally in the senate. This proposal to reduce the present duty of 1.34 cents per pound on Cuban sugar to 1 cent pound, Cuban sugar is allowed to enter at 20 per cent less duty than sugar from other countries. At the end of three years it is proposed to admit all sugar free of duty.

Chairman Underwood today reiterated the committee had completed its long task and that the bill would be passed by the president could be made in a few minutes.

"All tariff legislation is compromise legislation," said Mr. Underwood. "When our bill goes to the congress it will have the unanimous endorsement of the committee."

The committee today also considered administrative features of the bill. The bill will eliminate the maximum and minimum tariff of the present law and authorize the president to negotiate reciprocity treaties with nations willing to make tariff concessions to the United States. Such treaties, however, must have the approval of both houses of congress, it is said.

Reciprocity Assured.

The fullest measure of reciprocity was assured in a resolution written into the tariff bill by the ways and means committee. By the terms of this provision the maximum and minimum tariff now in force is abolished and the president is authorized to negotiate reciprocity treaties with nations who are willing to make tariff concessions to the United States.

The only check on the action of the president in negotiating such treaties is by congress, both houses of which must ratify any such commercial treaties that the president may make.

In the view of members of ways and means committee the enactment of the tariff bill will open the way for a new Canadian reciprocity arrangement more satisfactory than that of two years ago.

The president is not limited as to rates. "If he chooses he can establish free trade relations with any nation of the committee today," provided he can gain the consent of congress.

This action by the ways and means committee followed swiftly the plea of Governor Foss to the Massachusetts legislature to memorialize congress to enact a reciprocity law.

It is an acknowledgment of the necessity of reciprocity which had been advocated consistently by the New York American whenever tariffs have been in the making within the last ten years. It is generally agreed today by members of the committee that reciprocity will confer vast benefits upon all classes of American citizens, including farmers. The New York American's long advocacy of such a policy was widely commended by a number of senators commended it with enthusiasm.

PEACE IS IN SIGHT

Concessions of Powers May Bring Mediation.

This Means That Hostilities Will Cease at Once.

BALKANS WIN IN DEMANDS

War Indemnity to Be Settled by a Commission.

States to Receive Large Part of Thracian Frontier.

Sofia, April 5.—The prospects for peace in the Balkans looked very bright today. Although the allies, in their reply to the mediation suggestions of the powers demanded numerous and radical changes, the powers promptly replied with concessions designed to bring a quick cessation of hostilities.

In a note presented to the Bulgarian government today the powers proposed that the Thracian frontier should be formed by a line drawn from the middle of the Black sea to Enos on the Aegean sea. This would give Bulgaria both banks to the river Maritza in accordance with her demands.

It is also suggested that all financial questions, such as the indemnity, should be left to the decision of a technical commission to meet in Paris.

Montenegro Blockade Begun.

Cettigne, Montenegro, April 5.—The blockade of the Montenegrin seaport of Antivari was definitely begun today. Eight foreign warships representing the European powers formed a semicircular line of battle.

The fleet is composed of three Austrian, two Italian, one British, one German and one French warship.

Peace Terms Would Be Repudiated.

Sofia, April 5.—The Balkan allies today submitted to the powers a formal reply to the suggested basis for peace negotiations with Turkey. The reply purports to be an acceptance of the mediation conditions, but the acceptance is subject to reservations which practically repudiate the proposed terms.

The propositions of the powers were as follows:

1.—The frontier of Turkey shall start at Enos and end at Midia. All territories west of this line shall go to allied states, with the exception of Albania, the delimitation of which shall be fixed by the powers.

2.—The question of the Aegean islands shall be settled by the powers. Turkey shall abandon all claims to Crete.

3.—The powers cannot favorably entertain the demand for indemnity. As soon as these bases are accepted, hostilities shall cease.

The reply of the Balkan allies contains the following counter propositions:

1.—In the definite determination of the frontier of the province of Thrace, the line indicated condition formulated by the powers shall be taken as a basis and no definite line shall be fixed by the powers.

2.—The islands in the Aegean sea shall go to the Balkan allies.

3.—The allies consider they should know the frontier of the province proposed for the future state of Albania, trusting they will conform with those they proposed in London.

4.—The allies demand for a war indemnity must be accepted in principle, the task of fixing the amount being left to a commission which is to study financial questions and on which the Balkan allies will be represented.

5.—The allies agree that the operations of war shall cease as soon as the above conditions have been favorably received.

Turks Will Die at Scutari.

Belgrade, April 5.—No confirmation has been received here of the rumor that the Turkish commander at Scutari has fallen to the Montenegrin and Serbian besiegers.

The allied armies outside the city summoned the Turkish commander to surrender so as to avoid further bloodshed, but the Ottoman leader replied that he intended to fight to the last. The bombardment was thereupon reopened and a general assault by the Montenegrin and Serbian troops was ordered.

Recognize Them.

Leader Underwood Says Progressives Will Have Committee Places.

Washington, April 5.—The conference took up reform of the rules of the house and the tentative draft of amendments to be proposed was prepared. It was definitely understood that Mr. Underwood had agreed that the progressives should be recognized as a minority party in the allotment of committee assignments.

CUT OUT PASSES? CAUGHT WITH FIRE

Persistent Rumors Disturb Topeka Railway Circles.

'Tis Said Employees Soon Will Pay Their Fare.

COST HIGH TO RAILROADS

Free Transportation Is an Enormous Expense.

Rail Men in Topeka Believe Order Is Coming.

Railway employees in Topeka are greatly disturbed about a persistent rumor that the issuance of passes is to be discontinued. The story comes to Topeka from Colorado, where railroad men say some action with that end in view already has been taken. Railway circles here have no information further than the report mentioned.

The officials higher up have given the subject some consideration, but no order has been made. It is said that the increasing demands on the part of employees has made a policy of retrenchment necessary, and the elimination of free transportation constitutes a large item.

The strenuous effort of the average railroad management of today is directed toward increased efficiency of service for the public, which means increased cost of operation and maintenance. It is claimed that increased legislative requirements, increased expenditures and higher wages for employees, with threatened reduction in rates, are forcing the railroads to retrench wherever possible.

Santa Fe and Rock Island officials in Topeka today would not confirm or deny the rumors.

A \$10,000 FIRE

Petroleum Products Co. Plant at Independence.

Danger of Explosion From Gasoline Tanks.

Independence, Kan., April 5.—Fire broke out in the plant of the Petroleum Products company here this afternoon. At 3 o'clock \$10,000 damage had resulted and the fire was not yet under control. Danger of explosions of gasoline storage tanks caused fear that the loss would be extended greatly. The plant pump house was destroyed completely. The fire started when burning grass near the plant got beyond control.

In answering the call to the plant a wagon ran over Mrs. C. J. Minor, 68 years old, causing injuries that probably will be fatal.

DIES BY OWN HAND

La Combe, Anarchist Bandit, Commits Suicide.

Considered Most Desperate Criminal in Europe.

Paris, April 5.—The anarchist bandit, La Combe, called by the French police "the most desperate criminal in Europe" committed suicide today in the Prison De La Sante, where he was awaiting trial for the murder of M. Ducret, editor of the newspaper L'Idée Libre.

La Combe was arrested in Paris March 11 after the police had sought him several months. When taken to custody he was carrying in his pockets a small dynamite bomb, two cartridges, two automatic pistols and a supply of ammunition. A mob tried to lynch him while he was on his way to the police station.

During his incarceration La Combe confessed to the murder of Ducret and admitted also killing a postmaster at Bezons and a railroad cashier at Les Aubrais, near Orleans.

La Combe, in some unexplained manner escaped from his prison cell after breakfast this morning. When the wardens discovered his absence there was a tremendous commotion. The interior of the prison was searched and the alarm was given outside. The whole neighborhood of the jail was patrolled for several hours by soldiers. Some time afterward La Combe was found on the roof of the prison lying behind a chimney. When he saw his pursuers he stepped to the edge, where he was surrounded on three sides by armed wardens.

As he was about to be seized, he turned, saluted the wardens, smiled ironically and then jumped head first like a diver into the stone court yard several stories below, where he was dashed to death.

STOP LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Representative of Anti-Saloon League in Topeka Today.

The Anti-Saloon League of America which has its headquarters at Westerville, Ohio, has started a five year campaign looking forward to the ratification by the states of a constitutional amendment that will do away with the liquor traffic. According to M. J. Swearingin, a field agent for the league who is in Topeka today this movement is an outgrowth of the Webb bill.

The Topeka State Bank For the best of banking service—Adv.

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Battle Creek, Mich., April 5.—Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana, speaking here this afternoon, predicted that he would be the next president of the United States.

He got at it naively in two separate remarks: "I will be back here in three years campaigning for the presidency," he said, and then added, "and believe me we will win next time."

"The average life of a political party is 30 years, the old party will give way to the new Progressive party," he said.

RAN INTO A DEPOT

Two Killed and Nine Injured in Bad B. & O. Wreck.

Train Through Open Switch and Into Station.

North Baltimore, April 5.—Two men were killed, four scalped, two of them severely and five others injured when eastbound passenger train No. 6 on the Baltimore & Ohio ran through an open switch and the engine, torn loose from the balance, crashed into the station through the depot at Hoytville, four miles west of here at 11:30 last night.

The dead are: FIREMAN JACKSON, Garrett, Ind. GRANT MASON, Hoytville, Ind. The scalped are Engineer Bert Kott of Garrett, Ind., and Claude Hage, C. C. Miller and N. M. Miller of Hoytville.

Five passengers whose names were not learned, were injured but not fatally and were taken to the company's hospital at Garrett, Ind.

Grant Mason, of Hoytville, who was in the station, was fatally injured and a second passenger was seriously injured. Five others may die.

DUEL WITH KNIVES.

Angered Chefs at Vassar Send Girls From Halls in Flight.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 5.—Several hundred young women students of Vassar college fled from the main dining hall in terror Friday when two chefs fought a duel with carving knives in the kitchen. The duel was the result of an argument as to which should pick a chicken. A pair of thin swinging doors separated the kitchen from the dining hall where the chefs were lunging at each other and wrecking tables and kitchen utensils as they fought their way about the room.

Frank McVeagh, 22, and Augustus Brenner, 26, were the principals. When the police arrived it was necessary to carry McVeagh to the hospital and his opponent was held in \$1,000 bonds for assault.

NEW COURT PROBLEM.

To Test Right of Woman to Will Property Away From Husband.

Whether or not a woman can will property she owned before her marriage away from her husband at a test is contained in a suit pending in the first division of the district court. The suit is brought to break the will of Cynthia G. Chilson, who died last fall, and who left property to her heirs through her husband.

In evidence has been introduced a consent from Mr. Chilson that his wife might will property away from him. However, the consent later was revoked, and his attorneys urge that he had a right to revoke his consent, and therefore has a right to half of his wife's property.

THREATENED TO LEAVE

International Harvester to Europe Cause of Labor Troubles.

Auburn, N. Y., April 5.—Unless the strike rioting here ceases at once and a settlement between the strikers and their employers is reached, the International Harvester will remove their entire plant—one of the largest of the kind in the world—to Europe, where they say labor conditions are more stable.

Sunday Closing Trouble at K. C. Kansas City, April 5.—Signs of trouble ahead for the union barbers who have started a campaign to close all barber shops in Kansas City on Sunday developed today when 35 "boss barbers" met and announced they would open their shops tomorrow and stand together in a fight against the enforcement of "antiquated blue laws."

GAS CASE HEARING.

Arguments Continue All Day—Smith and Dawson of Topeka Talk.

Kansas City, April 5.—Hearing of arguments to determine whether federal receivers should be appointed to take over the National Gas company was resumed before Federal Judge Marshall in Kansas City, Kan., today.

Charles Wood Smith, attorney for complainants who sought the original receivership, opened today's arguments. It was expected the hearing would be completed today.

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NO WINE ON MENU

Mrs. Wilson's Society Breakfast Was Without Frills.

Buzzing Among Women That Were Not Invited.

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As originally planned the breakfast was to have been exclusively for Democratic women. The plan was changed, however, and a considerable number of women whose husbands are in the councils of the president's party were left off the list as the accommodations were limited to a certain number. The total absence of speeches, Not even an address of welcome to Mrs. Wilson graced the program. The women who were invited were on White House furniture by Mrs. Abbie Gunn Baker followed the breakfast.

Because of a previous engagement, Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the speaker of the house, did not attend although she was invited to the breakfast. Her absence was noted by several of the women present. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Bryan and the other ladies of the cabinet were present.

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A brother of the slain man said Smith had been mistaken for someone else, but the police were told Smith had recently become involved in a gang feud, and had moved to Brooklyn because of threats against his life.

WINDY, CLOUDY SUNDAY

Stiff Breeze and Sunshine Was on Today's Program.

It is warm and windy today. The temperature at 2 o'clock this afternoon was 22 degrees higher than that of Friday at the same hour. The mercury was down at the 49-degree mark at 7 o'clock this morning, but began to rise rapidly.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight with increasing cloudiness Sunday. Sunday will be another windy day, according to present indications. Today the wind has been blowing at the rate of 20 miles an hour from the southwest.

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